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The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III
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Dear Director Mueller:

I write to you to seek further enlightenment about a matter that has angered my constituents, outraged the metro-Detroit Arab and Muslim-American community, and piqued my intense curiosity. I refer, of course, to the bizarre behavior of the FBI in the Imad Hamad matter, which I brought to your attention in my letter of October 9.

Attached are recent news reports about my constituent, Mr. Imad Hamad, who, as you are aware, was scheduled to receive the Exceptional Public Service Award from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. earlier this month. After informing Mr. Hamad he was scheduled to receive this honor, the FBI promptly rescinded the award it planned to bestow on Mr. Hamad.

As you can see from the attached news reports, and as I am sure you can imagine, the behavior of the FBI in this matter has been the source of great consternation to me and the citizens that I serve. In order to understand the basis for the FBI's actions in relation to Mr. Hamad, I am requesting a full report on this matter from you, and a briefing from a senior member of your staff. Specifically, please answer the following: why was Mr. Hamad selected to receive this award? And why was the award rescinded?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you as quickly as possible.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,


John D. Dingell
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